

today, like the fact that an interim facility should be built or how the site for that facility will be chosen. In all other respects, NEPA will apply under its own terms.

Mr. President, the President has not taken a position on this to rectify it. He simply has condemned every effort by Congress to address the situation. He and the administration have a responsibility to respond positively with a suggestion instead of negatively to everything that Congress proposes to address the problem.

I urge my colleagues to vote cloture. The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). The Senator's time has expired.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I remind everyone in this Chamber of the charts Chairman MURKOWSKI showed us earlier. They show nuclear waste stored in 80 sites across America. They show another chart with one site, the Nevada test site, and they claim that all the waste will be moved from these many sites to this one site. This simply is wrong, and it is misleading.

Nuclear waste will remain at the nuclear reactors for as long as these nuclear reactors operate and long afterward. Nuclear waste will be stored in these cooling ponds at these reactors during their operation and after they shut down. Dry cask storage will be required at many of these reactors, whether or not S. 1936 passes.

Those Senators who believe that S. 1936 will get nuclear waste out of their backyards are misinformed, and they are wrong. The first chart of the junior Senator from Alaska, the chart with waste stored across the Nation, represents our future under S. 1936, as well as our past. In addition to waste in the backyards that it is already in, it will be in the backyards of places all over this country along the transportation routes.

Remember, Mr. President, we have already had seven nuclear waste accidents, 1 for every 300 trips. We are going to have thousands of trips; 12,000 shipments alone will go through the State of Illinois; thousands through Massachusetts; almost 12,000 through Nebraska and Wyoming.

This legislation is wrongheaded. I repeat from the editorial this morning in the Washington Post:

But this is too important a decision to be jammed through the latter part of a Congress on the strength of the industry's fabricated claim. . . .

This is legislation that is unnecessary. It is based upon one fabrication after another. It should be soundly defeated. We ask the motion to invoke cloture not prevail.

Mr. MURKOWSKI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that William Murphie be granted the privilege of the floor dur-

ing the consideration of this bill, S. 1936, a bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I believe all time has expired.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senators from Nevada still control a few minutes.

Mr. REID. We yield back the time.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 10 a.m. having arrived, under rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to S. 1936, the nuclear waste bill:

Trent Lott, Larry E. Craig, Fred Thompson, Dan Coats, Don Nickles, Ted Stevens, Craig Thomas, Richard G. Lugar, Slade Gorton, Spencer Abraham, Frank H. Murkowski, Conrad R. Burns, Dirk Kempthorne, Alan K. Simpson, Bill Frist, Hank Brown.

CALL OF THE ROLL

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the quorum call has been waived.

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to proceed to S. 1936, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, shall be brought to a close? The yeas and nays are required. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] is absent due to a death in the family.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 65, nays 34, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 193 Leg.]

YEAS—65

Abraham	Gramm	Levin
Ashcroft	Grams	Lott
Bennett	Grassley	Lugar
Bond	Gregg	Mack
Bradley	Hatch	McCain
Breaux	Hatfield	McConnell
Brown	Heflin	Moseley-Braun
Burns	Helms	Murkowski
Chafee	Hollings	Murray
Cohen	Hutchison	Nickles
Coverdell	Inhofe	Nunn
Craig	Jeffords	Pressler
D'Amato	Johnston	Robb
DeWine	Kassebaum	Roth
Domenici	Kempthorne	Santorum
Faircloth	Kohl	Shelby
Frahm	Kyl	Simon
Frist	Lautenberg	Simpson
Gorton	Leahy	Smith

Snowe
Specter
Stevens

Thomas
Thompson
Thurmond

Warner
Wellstone

NAYS—34

Akaka
Baucus
Biden
Bingaman
Boxer
Bryan
Bumpers
Byrd
Campbell
Coats
Conrad
Daschle

Dodd
Dorgan
Exon
Feingold
Feinstein
Ford
Glenn
Graham
Harkin
Inouye
Kennedy
Kerrey

Kerry
Lieberman
Mikulski
Moynihan
Pell
Pryor
Reid
Rockefeller
Sarbanes
Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Cochran

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 65, the nays were 34.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, so that we will be aware of what we are trying to do, the Senator from Pennsylvania wishes to speak on another matter for 5 minutes. Then, after he concludes, it is my intent, at least for a time, to put in a quorum so that we will have an opportunity to talk to all the Senators involved in this issue and the Democratic leader and see if we can come to an agreement.

We want to accommodate Senators on both sides of this particular issue. We want to find a way to move as early as possible to the Department of Defense appropriations bill. It is my intent to move forward with both of these issues in the best way we can. We would like to talk to the Senators from Nevada to see what their wishes are and to Senator MURKOWSKI and the Senator from Idaho. We will do that, and we will let the Senate know exactly what is agreed to when we come to a conclusion.

I want to put the Senate on notice that I would like for us also to see if we cannot work out the stalking bill so that we can get a unanimous consent agreement on that. I would like to see if we can get an agreement on the gambling commission so that we would have an understanding on how to proceed on that. We might have a couple of judges that we can get a clearance on today. We would also like to see if we cannot go to conference on the health insurance reform package. So I will be talking to Senators on both sides of the aisle on a number of issues to see if we can get an agreement as to how and when we might bring them up. For right now, we will talk to Senators on how to proceed on nuclear waste.

I yield to the Senator from Pennsylvania.